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1 This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No I Basis of the opinion
- Box No II Priority
- Box No III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis 1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No VI Certain documents cited
- Box No VII Certain defects in the International application
- Box No VIII Certain observations on the international application

2 FURTHER ACTION

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International application No
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

- 1 With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23 1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material.
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
- 3 In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
- 4 Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not been furnished:

- copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis 1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis 1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis 1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: Claims | 1-9 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: Claims | |
| | No: Claims | 1-9 |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-9 |
| | No: Claims | |

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

International application No.
PCT/IB2004/002133

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 00/02715 A
D2: US-A-4098173
D3: EP-A-1 120 209

- 2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.
- 2.1 The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and discloses a machine from which the subject-matter of claim 1 differs in that: the first and second portions of the knife (9A and 9B) are adapted to cut edge slits by means of a controlling programme timer.
- 2.2 The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as providing means for controlling the synchronization between tool and work feed.
- 2.3 However, these features have already been employed for the same purpose in a similar machine, see document D2, column 5, lines 34-40. It would be obvious to the person skilled in the art, namely when the same result is to be achieved, to apply these features with corresponding effect to a machine according to document D1, thereby arriving at a machine according to claim 1.
- 3 Dependent claims 2-9 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step, see documents D1 and D3 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.